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For: **FLATTENED DECORATIVE BAG OR SLEEVE HAVING GUSSETS
CONVERTIBLE TO A DECORATIVE BAG FOR HOLDING A
BASKET AND METHODS**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**List of Sections Forming Part of This
Information Disclosure Statement**

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. [X] Preliminary Statements
2. [X] FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)
3. [X] Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
4. [X] Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement
5. [X] Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicant submits herewith patents, publications or other information of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

☒ [X] A completed Form 1449 (Modified) is attached hereto.

☐ [] No Form 1449 (Modified) is attached.

Section 3. Identification of Prior Application

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 10/102,393, filed on March 18, 2002.

(complete the following, if applicable)

☐ [] This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ (date).

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore, are not required to be provided in this application:

Section 4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

☒ Exception(s) to above:

☒ Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 3.

☐ Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section _.

Section 5. Identification of Person(s) Making this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

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	AB	2	1	1	0	6	1	2	03/08/38	Skinner et al.	229	14	
	AC	2	2	3	9	3	9	8	04/22/41	Palmer	229	14	
	AD	2	2	6	0	2	3	0	10/21/41	Olson	206	44	
	AE	2	3	2	3	2	8	7	07/06/43	Amberg	229	53	
	AF	2	6	4	8	4	8	7	08/11/53	Linda	229	55	
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	AK	3	5	1	0	0	5	4	05/05/70	Sanni et al.	229	66	
	AL	3	5	5	4	4	3	4	01/12/71	Anderson	229	55	
	AM	4	1	1	3	1	0	0	09/12/78	Soja et al.	206	602	
	AN	4	1	1	8	8	9	0	10/10/78	Shore	47	28	
	AO	4	1	8	9	8	6	8	02/26/80	Tymchuck et al.	47	84	
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	AR	4	7	1	7	2	6	2	01/05/88	Roan et al.	383	120	
	AS	4	7	7	1	5	7	3	09/20/88	Stengel	47	67	
	AT	4	8	1	0	1	0	9	03/07/89	Castel	383	105	
	AU	4	8	7	3	8	1	4	10/1989	Harris	53	442	
	AV	4	9	4	7	7	9	4	08/1990	Baldwin	150	154	
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	AY	5	3	6	2	1	5	2	11/8/94	Fletcher et al	383	120x	
	AZ	5	4	5	6	0	6	2	10/1995	Wechsler	53	468	
	A1	5	5	2	9	3	9	5	06/1996	French	229	87	
	A2	5	5	5	3	7	3	3	09/1996	Rosenthal	150	154	
	A3	5	6	1	3	3	1	2	03/25/97	Crowell	383	120x	
	A4	5	7	4	3	4	5	8	04/1998	French	150	154	
	A5	6	1	5	1	8	6	5	11/2000	Weder	53	461	

FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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													YES	NO
	BA	2	2	7	2	9	1	4	12/1975	France				X
	BB	2	0	6	0	8	1	2	11/1971	West Germany				X

OTHER MATERIALS

(Including, Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication. **)

EXAM INIT.		
BC	"A World Of Cut Flower And Pot Plant Packaging" published by Klerk's Plastic Products Manufacturing Inc., P.O. Box 145, 205 K. Hallock Ave., Middlesex, New Jersey 08846, 6 pages.	
BD	"Le Plant Sac", 550 Crocker Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013, advertisement.	
BE	"Highlander Easter Season Headquarters PACK'N PLEASE ☒ Baskets, Bunnies, Eggs and Grass", brochure by Highland Manufacturing & Sales. Co., 6 pages.	
BF	"Make Highlander® Your Headquarters for Easter & Other Holidays", brochure by Highland Manufacturing & Sales, 1991, 12 pages.	

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